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In re Application of

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Examiner A. Ly

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Group Art Unit 2667

For : SEGMENTED FIBRE CHANNEL ARBITRATED  
LOOP AND INTRA-LOOP ROUTING SYSTEMMail Stop ISSUE FEE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

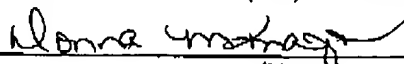
Applicant received a Notice of Allowance dated May 23, 2005 on the above-identified patent application. In the Notice, the Examiner allowed claims 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20 and 21 (renumbered 1-10). The Examiner also paraphrased applicant's claimed invention as part of the stated reasons for allowance. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicant believes that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions or comments.

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